

FATHER TED COLLETON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2024-2025

(Please include all this personal information as to name address, telephone number, school attended, name of principal etc.as part of your personal resume or self-profile. This will avoid problem of scanning the document)

Student's Name (last): _____
(first): _____
Address: _____
City: _____
Prov: _____
Postal Code: _____
Phone #: _____
E-mail: _____
School Attended (name): _____
_____ Grade: _____
School Address: _____
City: _____
Prov: _____
Postal Code: _____
School Phone #: _____
School E-mail: _____
Name of School Principal: _____
Name of reference writer: _____
Email of reference writer: _____
Applicant's signature: _____
Date: _____



Helpful hints for the essay writing component are posted on theinterim.com/scholarship-program/. One can also find samples of previous winning essays on a variety of topics.

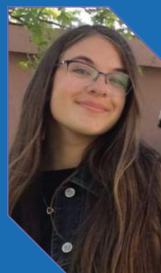
Good luck! Bonne Chance!

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 2023-2024



1ST PRIZE

ANDELKA PERIC
Holy Trinity
Catholic High
School,
Oakville ON



2ND PRIZE

SARA CHRISTLE
St. Boniface
Diocesan
High School,
Winnipeg, MB

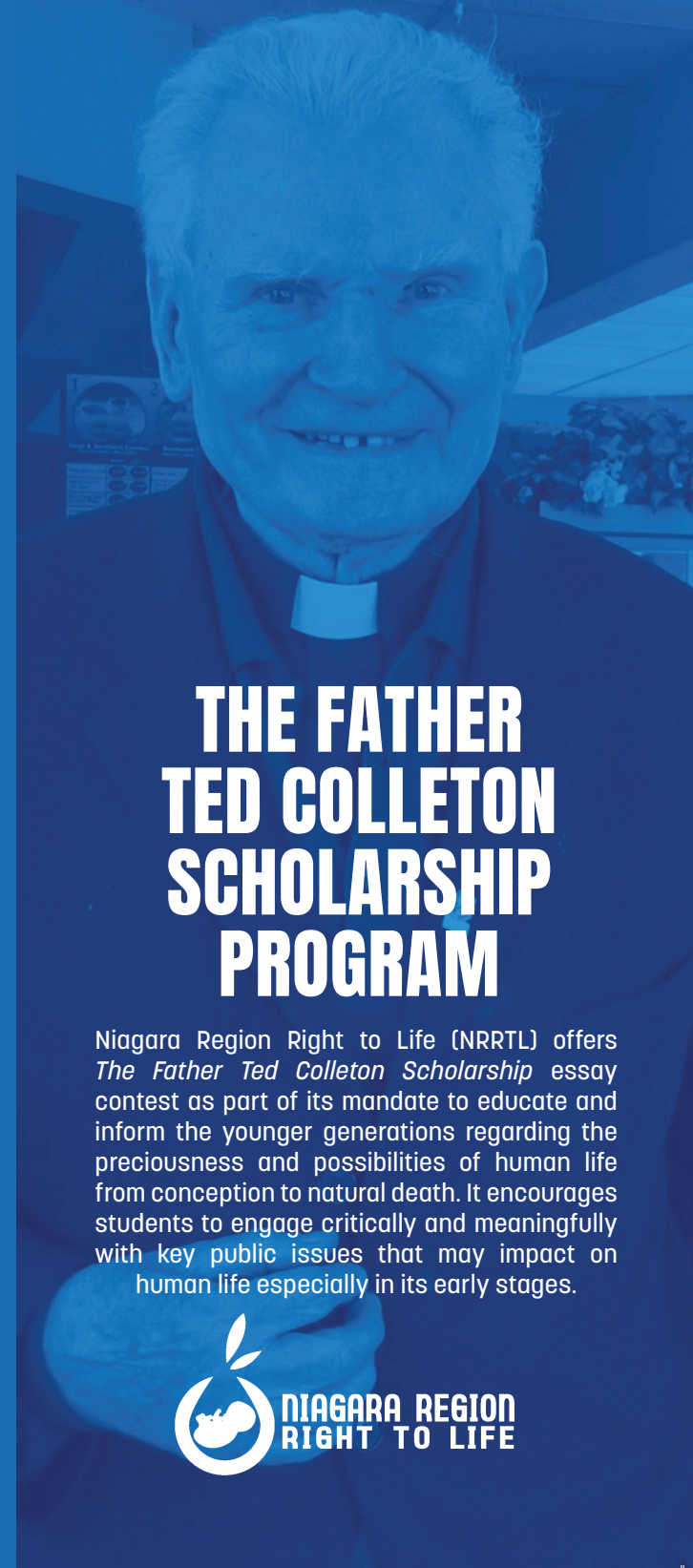


3RD PRIZE

GIANNA BAKLINSKI
Home School,
Combermere, ON

For 23 years, Niagara Region Right to Life has been sponsoring the Father Ted Colleton Scholarship program. The prizes are awarded following an evaluation process conducted by a committee that assesses the essay-writing component. Other considerations include letter of reference, one's personal resumé, and some knowledge of pro-life principles and values.

Father Ted had some favourite quotations and one of them was from Edmund Burke: *All evil needs to flourish is that good men do nothing.* Father Ted believed that young people could make a difference. He challenged them to think, pray and act, do something positive to respect human life and uphold human dignity.



THE FATHER TED COLLETON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Niagara Region Right to Life (NRRTL) offers *The Father Ted Colleton Scholarship* essay contest as part of its mandate to educate and inform the younger generations regarding the preciousness and possibilities of human life from conception to natural death. It encourages students to engage critically and meaningfully with key public issues that may impact on human life especially in its early stages.



FATHER TED COLLETON: AN INTRODUCTION

(for a fuller biographical summary go to theinterim.ca, search for articles written by him and about him.)

Father Edward (Ted) Colleton (b. 1913- d. 2011) was born in Dublin, Ireland. He entered the Spiritan Order in 1932, was ordained a priest in 1940 and was assigned to serve in Kenya. Forced to leave that mission field in 1971, he was reassigned to Canada and stationed in Toronto where he was shaken by the momentous social changes taking place that seemed to be impacting the institutions of marriage and family. He joined the pro-life movement and set about educating the public about the nature and consequences of abortion.



For more than 35 years Father Ted was a compelling writer and speaker, gentle teacher, committed activist, and raconteur par excellence, communicating moral principles and values to hundreds of thousands of people. He believed



that prayer was the most important action of human beings in winning the right to life for preborn generations of Canadians present and to come. This scholarship program is intended to honour his remarkable life work spanning almost seven decades.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

As many as three prizes are offered: \$2000 first prize, \$1500 second prize and \$1000 third prize. A writing contest organized by Niagara Region Right to Life is a determining factor in the awarding of the scholarship prizes.

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES MUST:

- be high school students entering grade 11 or 12 at a Canadian high school (or be homeschooled in Canada)
- submit one letter of reference from a school staff member or community representative (pastor, employer, coach, etc.)
- provide a brief personal resumé outlining their participation in school life (clubs, sports, leadership, academic achievements, etc) and community activities, including any past or present interest/involvement in the pro-life cause. Please note: Lack of such involvement does not disqualify the candidates from the scholarships.

The student must submit a typed original essay, approximately 1,200 words in length. The essay plus other documents must all be submitted by email only in *word document format*, to dirocco401@yahoo.ca, no later than midnight of **Friday, October 11, 2024**. The theme of the essay reads as follows:

Abortion is a hot-button and contentious public issue, generating arguments and justifications on both sides. Analyze the impact of abortion on several of the key components of Canada's social fabric, for example: the practice of religious worship; demographic trends and immigration policies; changes in male and female roles and family structure; social cohesion and attitudes with regard to crime and violence; continued economic viability of the country; national unity and cultural character.

PROGRAM: RULES AND REGULATIONS

A committee selected by Niagara Region Right to Life supervises the program.

Note: Applications will NOT be processed or considered if all requested materials/documents have not been received by the end of the day on Friday, October 11, 2024 and in the required word document format. Scanned documents sent in pdf often cannot be opened by the recipient. Avoid sending *Word* documents in google drive that would require sender's permission to open.

Copyrights to any essay submitted for the purpose of the contest will be retained by Niagara Region Right to Life. Any publication or other use of the work would be acknowledged by naming its author. Please note that prize winners are asked to provide a photo of themselves so it may accompany the publication of their essay.

Students related to employees or directors of Niagara Region Right to Life are ineligible, as are previous prize winners of this scholarship program.

The essay component is marked according to a set rubric. The mark sheet rubric may be found online at either of these two web sites niagararegionrighttolife.ca or theinterim.com. Such a rubric gives the candidates ample information on how their essays are evaluated. Note in particular that there must be proper documentation, i.e. footnotes or proper citations. Remember that even offering an opinion requires backup concrete evidence. Please also note that all essays will be subjected to routine checks for plagiarism and AI generated material.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNING ENTRY

The winners will be declared by **Friday, December 6, 2024** via an announcement by Niagara Region RTL. Criteria for the selection of winners include the quality of essays submitted.

For further information leave message for Dan Di Rocco at (416) 204-1687 or email dirocco401@yahoo.ca or visit our website niagararegionrighttolife.ca or theinterim.com.